

1866

USS Constitution, now more than  
sixty years old, is converted into a  
training ship at the Naval Academy  
in Annapolis

1860

Lincoln won the presidency over  
Stephen A. Douglas.  
Not long after the election several  
Southern states left the Union.

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Thomas A. Edison needed more money for his experiments. When he was 3, he took a job as a newsboy for a railroad. His job was to sell newspapers, magazines, and food to passengers on a train. His train left Port Huron for Detroit at 7 AM. It did not return to Port Huron until 9:30 PM. Then Alva would work in his basement

until Mr. Edison sent him to bed.

The Conductor of the train let him build a laboratory in the baggage car. Here he spent his free time - Reading & doing experiments. He often visited the Public Library in Detroit. Within a few yrs he had read every book in the library.

One day to save his life as he was getting on the train, he began to fall. A trainman grabbed him by the ears. He heard a snapping sound. Soon his hearing began to fail. He was almost deaf. He (later) said he could think better when he couldn't hear what was going on around him.

1860

Grant was working in his father's store in Galena, Illinois when the war between the States started.

He had tried farming & sold the farm  
He had tried selling Real Estate

& gone to work for his father to feed his wife & 4 children

Grant volunteered for the Army  
He was made a colonel and sent

to Kentucky with a small army.

First he took Paducah, Kentucky from the confederates; then he moved into Tennessee and captured Fort Henry. From there he moved to Ft. Donelson. A bitter fight followed. Fort Donelson surrendered.

Pres. Lincoln made Grant a major general.

1860

Clara Barton was working in Washington D.C. in a government office when some soldiers from Massachusetts were hurt in a riot near Washington. They were brought to the city to be cared for. Clara & some women went to see them. Some of the men were former neighbors, others had been her pupils. They gave the men food & medicine and they read to them. Before long all supplies were gone. Clara wrote to a Mass. newspaper to

Advertise for supplies. Supplies poured in.  
Meanwhile other wounded men arrived  
she gathered her supplies & met the men as  
they arrived. She dressed their wounds,  
gave them medicine & fed them. She wrote  
letters to their families. Many died. Their  
wounds had not been treated soon enough.